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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY McCARTHY and RANTS
1 3 A Resolution to thank the men and women who worked so
1 4 long and so hard to restore electricity to Iowans
1 5 throughout the state.
1 6 WHEREAS, between February 24 and March 2, 2007, one
1 7 of the worst winter storms in recent memory came to
1 8 Iowa with a vengeance; a sudden ice storm left over
1 9 260,000 Iowans without power, followed by a blizzard
1 10 bringing 18 inches of snow in some areas and howling
1 11 winds that piled drifts four to six feet deep; and
1 12 WHEREAS, the wind and ice combined to seriously
1 13 damage Iowa's electrical grid; and
1 14 WHEREAS, the toll was staggering: 250 miles of
1 15 transmission lines down or damaged, 1,000 distribution
1 16 lines damaged, and thousands of utility poles and
1 17 structures destroyed; and
1 18 WHEREAS, against this looming disaster the men and
1 19 women of Iowa's investor-owned utility companies,
1 20 rural electric cooperatives, and municipal utility
1 21 providers and those of other states came forward by
1 22 the thousands, along with members of the Iowa National
1 23 Guard, the Homeland Security and Emergency Management
1 24 Division of the Department of Public Defense, and the
1 25 American Red Cross; and
1 26 WHEREAS, working around-the-clock in daunting
1 27 weather conditions, where white-outs, ice, high winds,
1 28 and closed roads hampered every effort, these
1 29 dedicated crews had largely restored service by early
1 30 March and averted a crisis; NOW THEREFORE,
2 1 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
2 2 That the House of Representatives, with great respect,
2 3 conveys its thanks to those men and women from Iowa,
2 4 the Midwest, and other states who came forward and
2 5 took charge in a time of crisis, and through their
2 6 tireless efforts brought light, heat, and comfort back
2 7 to hundreds of thousands of Iowans.
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